

## BANKER'S LETTERS PLEAD FOR DIVORCE

William E. Hyne's Threats of  
Starvation Offered in  
Alimony Action.

### SETTLES OUT OF COURT

A series of remarkable letters written by a husband to his wife for the purpose of persuading her to sue him for divorce so that he could be free to marry some one else has been made public through the filing in the Supreme Court of the papers on an application by Mrs. Maude E. Hyne for alimony pending a suit for separation against William E. Hyne, head of the foreign collections department of the Equitable Trust Company and governor of the New York chapter of the American Institute of Banking.

The letters imputed to Hyne threaten his wife and three daughters, one of whom is a hunchback, with starvation unless his wife acceded to his demands in regard to divorce or give up the children so they could live with him. In spite of these threats Hyne decided in view of his wife's demands and the letters that he would not try to justify his actions, but proposed a settlement of his marital difficulties out of court. He permits his wife to retain the three daughters and will support the family and Mrs. Hyne has accepted the offer and will drop her suit.

In her affidavits Mrs. Hyne alleged that her husband abandoned her last September and said that the "threatening letters" written to her in recent months have thrown her into such a highly nervous condition that she is scarcely able to eke out a living for herself and daughters.

"By his letters my husband has also been trying to alienate our children," said Mrs. Hyne, "and to compel me through my maternal instinct to save the children from suffering by necessities to give him a divorce. He frequently said: 'Any time you come to New York I will give you the evidence for a divorce.' He even had an attorney write to me suggesting that I sue."

### Daughter's Affidavit Presented.

An affidavit in behalf of Mrs. Hyne by her oldest daughter, Mildred, who is 17, said: "I am the hunchback child that mamma talked about. I heard my papa say to mamma when we were all in the bedroom together, 'I have loved you devotedly for eighteen years and now I have some one else and I want you to make me getting away easy.' My mamma said, 'I may be a little crazy, but not entirely so.' He had no reason to love mamma, because she would always have dinner ready on the table and he wouldn't eat the dinner and said mamma never gave him a decent meal. Mamma took care of us children and was always at home. Papa never took her anywhere."

Mrs. Margaret Jutten, a friend of the Hynes, said she asked Hyne if he intended to leave his wife. "Yes," replied Hyne. "I want a few years of happiness before I die." Mrs. Jutten replied that Hyne wouldn't get it that way and asked why he did it. "For revenge," he replied.

The series of letters from Hyne to his wife and children began with one written April 9 last, in which he said in part:

"Of course I am delighted with the way you have frightened the children into believing that I am looking for a chance to kidnap them. If ever I have those children they will love me regardless of your efforts to the contrary. You promised to love, honor and obey. You had only been married a couple of weeks when you found you loved someone other than me. You do not love me, and you have always refused to honor me. Have I ever had the freedom of the house I support? No answer is necessary."

### Dispositions Not Harmonious.

In a letter of May 29 last Hyne said in part:

"Once more I am asking you to be reasonable. You and I never were happy together. You could never tolerate me near you, always claiming we were not matched. Our dispositions did not harmonize, and your opinion of me is that I am a beast. I appreciate your feelings and how real they are. On the other hand, I have developed a dislike for you equal to yours of me."

"Under those conditions, it would be better for us to be free of legal fetters and be at liberty to seek congenial companionship. It would be better for you and the children to have you start the proceedings toward that end. It does not make a man's character to be thus proceeded against, while it does a woman's. I trust you will see the logic of this."

In a letter of August 15 Hyne told his wife that she must rent their house at Rutherford and move out by September. He also said:

"I am sorry the children can't have the house, but that is your fault. I want absolute divorce, and if you do not compel me to sue for it and pay a lot of money to the lawyer, you and the children would be better off in which case I will give you \$100 and \$10 a week for support."

Addressing his wife as "Dear madam" on October 25, Hyne said:

"Last week I wrote to Ruth and demanded an answer, but I judge from her silence and the tone of her last letter that the children believe me a villainous man to be dreaded. It would be better to be honest with them. Tell them I am not the right man for you; that you would not love me. Tell them how I have tolerated your ugliness, coldness, results and indifference for eighteen years."

### Now On Grindstone, He Says.

"This is to give you to understand that you are to start proceedings at once. If the children would rather starve, go without clothing and a home in order to stay with you, that is their business."

"If you refuse, I go West; and if I go without the children, unless some accident happens to bring us together in the future, they will never see their father again. I am going to have a divorce if I have to go to South America to get it. I do not propose that you shall any longer keep my nose on the grindstone."

— a final letter to his wife on November 24, Hyne, addressing her as "madam," said:

"If you love your children take heed. If you succeed in getting a separation you will be thrown on your own resources. If you get a divorce you will be supported and the children properly cared for. But what do you care for the children when your heart is set on a divorce? Choose your future and don't cry afterward, as you have always done about my choice. If you again make the wrong choice."

Frank Wright Burr, counsel for Mrs. Hyne, refused to give the financial terms of the agreement between the Hynes under which the suit is withdrawn, but he understood his wife and children will have the use of the Rutherford house and Mrs. Hyne will get \$20 a week alimony.

### GEN. DU PONT IS BETTER.

Powder Manufacturer Battles From Operation.

ROCHESTER, Minn., Dec. 25.—Gen. T. C. du Pont, the powder manufacturer of Washington, Del., was under an operation for abdominal trouble at Mayo Hospital yesterday, was feeling comfortably to-night and physicians indicated a complete recovery, but it would be a few days before they could pronounce Mr. du Pont out of danger.

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50 inches long, Taupe Fox Collar.

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45 inches long, rounded.

**\$139.50 Nearseal Coat, \$79.50**

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